

John Destefano and all the residents of New Haven for contributing in so many ways to this important event.

Cities and towns across Connecticut were fortunate to serve as host communities for delegations from each of the participating countries. This host program enabled families throughout the state to open their homes and their hearts to our visitors from abroad. This program proved invaluable for the hosts and the guests as cultures were commingled, traditions were shared and lifelong friendships were forged. I thank each of the communities and families that offered their hospitality to the world.

As with any event of this scale, the Special Olympics required significant financial support. I am proud to commend the many companies in Connecticut and throughout the country that donated hours of work and millions of dollars as corporate sponsors of these World Games.

Most importantly though, I want to recognize the athletes who competed in the Special Olympics. That is what these games are all about. From bowling to bocce, soccer to tennis, aquatics to equestrian sports, athletes from across the world came together to demonstrate their strength, dedication and skill. The athletic abilities of these individuals are tremendous, and their ability to overcome obstacles to make it to New Haven is even more awesome.

Indeed it is inspiring to see what each of these individuals has accomplished. It is the athletes, friends, families and the coaches who dedicated themselves to this competition who deserve our highest commendation. Their enthusiasm and spirit was infectious, and we sincerely thank them for sharing their talent with us during these Olympic Games.

All the athletes came together during the opening ceremonies, one of the most memorable parts of these games. I will always remember the proud contingents of athletes from throughout the world entering the Yale Bowl to open the Olympics. They were greeted by the President of the United States and leaders of countries from El Salvador to Botswana and beyond. This spectacular event signaled the start of the World Games and kicked off a week of serious athletic competition and fun.

The opening ceremonies also launched a week-long demonstration of the ability of the human spirit to soar. There are members of every community who live each day with mental retardation and disabilities. We stopped this week to hear them say: "Watch us. We can do great things. We can bring you together and show you our strengths."

It is a lesson that we are fortunate to have learned. It is a message we should hear loud and clear and one that we should continue to heed in all that we do. In closing, I urge each of you to remember the Special Olympics athletes' oath as you confront the challenges in your life: Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.●

TAX CUTS WORK

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, one of the most frequent questions asked during the debate over the budget resolution was why, in the face of large deficits, were Republicans insisting on tax cuts. The answer is simple: Tax cuts work. By allowing Americans to keep more of what they earn, tax cuts encourage economic growth, job creation, and an increase—not decrease—in revenues to the U.S. Treasury.

Following the Reagan tax cuts in 1981, we witnessed one of the longest economic expansions in the history of the United States. Over 20 million new jobs were created while revenues to the Treasury increased dramatically. Just as importantly, the benefits of the Reagan tax cuts were felt by Americans from all income classes—rich and poor.

Tax cuts enacted this year could achieve similar results. I am including a short article by Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr. which makes an eloquent case for reducing the burden on the American taxpayer. As Mr. Forbes makes clear, Republicans can, and should, cut taxes and balance the budget at the same time.

FACT AND COMMENT

MEMO TO THE GOP: THE 1980'S WORKED

(By Malcolm S. Forbes Jr.)

Republicans have accepted the notion that the 1980s were a big fiscal mistake, that Ronald Reagan was wrong to insist on tax cuts even in the face of congressional resistance to reducing spending.

Republicans are now in effect saying that no budget cuts mean no tax cuts. The GOP has it backwards. Properly structured tax reductions would trigger a robust economic expansion, as they did in the 1980s. They should be the center on which budget cuts are structured. Voters would thus see the GOP as the party of opportunity and growth, not as the party of austerity. Growth would also expand government revenues.

Reagan's much-criticized tax cuts were the principal catalyst of our longest peacetime expansion. Federal income tax receipts grew mightily. Even more impressive was the extraordinary surge in revenues of state and local governments. The federal deficits of the 1980s resulted from our unprecedented peacetime military buildup—which finally won the 40-year Cold War for us—and, more important, from Congress' inability to say no to domestic spending constituencies. If Republicans combine Reagan's pro-growth tax approach with their antispending proclivities, they will get credit for reviving the economy and curbing government.

Why should Republicans buy their opponents' bum raps about what actually happened when Reagan ruled?●

CASSANDRA JONES SELECTED AS EAST-WEST SOCCER AMBASSADOR

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today, I would like to commend a very special young Tennessean for her selection as an East-West Soccer Ambassador, an all-star team of American youth soccer players ages 12 to 19. At 12 years of age, Cassandra Jones of Soddy Daisy is 1 of 15 nationally recruited players selected for this all-star team, and one of the youngest national stars to ever compete in this international program.

Cassie Jones was selected for the team based on her current soccer talent, her potential, and her ability to compete at the international youth soccer level. The program, originally founded in 1982, is a non-profit, national soccer club that has earned a national reputation as America's leader in athletic diplomacy and well-rounded play development.

A straight-A student at Soddy Daisy Middle School, Cassie's excellence on the soccer field is matched by her drive and determination in the classroom, as well as her interest in other extracurricular activities. In addition to soccer, she is involved in band activities, and enjoys reading and playing softball.

This month, Cassie and her Ambassador teammates will travel to northern Europe to represent the United States in a 2-week soccer tour of Scandinavia. Following a high-intensity training session in Denmark, the East-West Ambassadors will compete in the prestigious Gothia Cup tournament in Gothenburg, Sweden. The Gothia Cup pits more than 900 teams from 50 countries in its competition. From there, Cassie will return to Denmark for another major tournament, the Dana Cup in Hjørring.

Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Cassie Jones the best of luck as she enters her first international competition and embarks on what could be a very promising soccer career. I am confident she will represent the State of Tennessee and the United States well, and I look forward to hearing more about her achievements, both on and off the soccer field, in the future.●

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1995

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 9:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; further, that at the hour of 9:45 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 343, the regulatory reform bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess between the hours of 12:30 and 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy luncheons to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.